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Sir:

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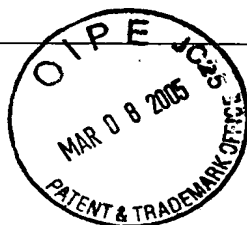
The reference(s) were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

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